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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)whether at the Durban Conference Pakistan charged New Delhiwith denigrating the so called struggle for self-determination of Kashmiris as terrorism and termed militancy in Kashmir as holy war for their right of self determination; and

(b)if so, the details of the Pak representative`s statements and the Indian representative`s response thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a)&(b) During the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (WCAR) a Durban (31 August-8 September, 2001), Pakistan continued with its futile endeavors to justify its sponsorship of cross-border terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and other parts of India by portraying the killings of innocent men, women and children by Pakistan-based terrorist groups as the consequences of a political movement in Jammu & Kashmir. The Indian delegation, had however, effectively portrayed the situation in Jammu & Kashmir as the consequence of cross-border terrorism directly sponsored by Pakistan.

The widespread consensus in the international community is that there can be no justification for terrorism, which must be eradicated wherever it exists. India is firmly resolved to resist terrorism until it is decisively crushed.